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NOTE FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : Pre-Brief for House Armed Services Special
Subcommittee on Intelligence Briefing
21 May 1976

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1. The pre-briefing on Panama at 11:30 tomorrow will
be attended by [REDACTED] NIO for Latin America, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], OCI, [REDACTED] C/LA Division, [REDACTED]
OCI, and myself.

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2. As you know, the Committee's primary interest
is the Cuban military presence and affinity with Panama and
potential guerilla activities there. Also, Mr. Hebert had
exhorted the Director to be sure that things Panamanian
are being extensively covered by our collection people.

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STATINTL 3. I felt we should have a DDO'er at the pre-brief
just in case the Director might have questions in this respect.
I am not recommending that the DDO'er attend the Subcommittee
briefing session on Friday, and it may turn out that the Director
will not need both [REDACTED] at the Nedzi session.
[REDACTED] is the resident expert and, moreover, he knows Cuba
very well and I can foresee that the Nedzi session might
STATINTL slop over into questions relating to the Cuban presence
world-wide and whether they are carrying out a surrogate
role for the Soviets.

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